



April 5, 2006

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WBFF-TV,

Baltimore, Maryland, along with the most significant

programming treatment for the period of

January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006

The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority

nor significance. The list is by no means exhaustive.

**ISSUE: CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Program: America's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays 9PM  
Source: Network  
Length: 60 minutes  
Description: A weekly program featuring profiles on fugitives and unsolved crimes in which viewers' help is solicited to bring criminals to justice. The program also features missing children alerts to help identify them and reunite them with their families

Program: Maryland's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays/10:20PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 1:30  
Description: The News at Ten in cooperation with Maryland State Police, area sheriffs' offices, and the local office of the FBI presents a local "most wanted" feature following the Saturday broadcast of "America's Most Wanted". During the news feature, information about unsolved Maryland crimes and wanted fugitives is presented and viewers help is requested to bring criminals to justice.

**News at Ten Cover Stories**

Broadcast Date: February 6/10:19PM  
Length: 4:10  
Source: Local  
Description: Investigative reporter Steve Levine examines how Baltimore City Police Department is settling lawsuits and opting for payouts that cost taxpayers millions and tarnish the reputation of city law enforcement officers.

Broadcast Date: February 17/1:17PM  
Length: 6:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus examines illegal arrests by Baltimore police walking the line between safe streets and angry residents. With a 0 tolerance police, minor infractions and arrests are angering city residents. Yet the less police arrest, the more potentially dangers criminals remain on the streets. Guests include defense attorney warren Brown and City councilman Jim Kraft.

Broadcast Date: February 27/10:22PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: In Baltimore, criminals are getting away with their crimes because of police failure to correctly and competently fill our crime reports. Reading and writing skills of officers are called into question. Joy Lepola investigates.

Broadcast Date: March 6/10:28PM

Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Loitering is a big cause for arrest in Baltimore but many cases never make it to the courtroom. Reporter Steve Levine investigates the controversy.

Broadcast Date: March 28/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: College and pro basketball star and Baltimore native Carmello Anthony was interviewed in the infamous "Stop Snitching" video yet makes community appearances with the Governor saying he doesn't support witness intimidation...yet a recent magazine article quote him as saying "I would never snitch". Reporter Keith Daniels examines the two sides of Carmello Anthony.

Broadcast Date: March 29/10:19PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Reporter Kathleen Cairns examines the world's oldest profession and why Baltimore women are still choosing to walk the streets.

## **ISSUE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: March 31/10:17PM  
Length: 6:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus is on smoking bans and the fight over freedom to smoke in public restaurants and bars. Guests include Melvin Thompson of the Maryland Restaurant Association and Kari Appler of Smoke Free Maryland.

Broadcast Date: February 9/10:17PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Baltimore official take a look at the view from the train and why the landscape and skyline from the window of Amtrak passengers need to be improved and positively impact the city's image and economy.

Broadcast Date: January 19/10:22PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: the blue collar community of Hampden in Baltimore City is IN and national retailers are starting to move in. Reporter Karen Parks examines the impact on Baltimore's quirkiest neighborhood.

Broadcast Date: January 10/10:20PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: The down of Damascus is dry.....sale of alcohol is banned or limited. Local officials are thinking of changing the law to allow alcohol sales in efforts to strengthen their local economy.

Broadcast Date: January 2/10:23PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Resident in a local trailer park must move as the owner is in middle of selling the property. Many residents are refusing to move since they can no where else to go or can't afford to move. So the owner has stopped taking care of the property to force them out. What's the impact in the local community? And what changes await?

Broadcast Date: January 4/10:26PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: With the mine tragedy and loss of life in West Virginian, Reporter John Rydel examines the life of a coal miner deep in the caves of western Maryland and the impact of mining in the community and economy.

Broadcast Date: January 6/10:16PM  
Length: 6:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus debates speed cams and if they are doing more harm than good in the community. Guests include State Delegate Bill Bronrott and DC traffic lawyer Horace Lee Bradshaw

## **ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: January 1/11:30PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 minutes  
Description: Host Mike Gimbel talks with Nancy Kelly of MADD of Northern Maryland about its agenda for combating and confronting drinking and driving. The goals, its community action and the legislative session.

## ISSUE: YOUTH

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: February 5/11:30PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 minutes  
Description: Teens and traffic safety...discussion of safe driving program, teens and impaired driving, responsible driving programs and prevention. Guests: trauma nurse Laurel Stith of Drive to Survive and Debbie Hardy, mother of a teen daughter killed by a drunk driver..

Program: Ed Block Courage Awards Foundation LIVE Sports Auction  
Broadcast: March 5/11:30PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 60 minutes  
Description: A team effort to raise funds to prevent and treat child abuse with a live auction of sports packages and memorabilia. The live broadcast raised \$25,000 for the St Vincent's Center.

### News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: February 20/10:17PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Teens are logging onto myspace and creating their own "space". But that space is not private and can be viewed by predators and criminals. Reporter Jennifer Gilbert examines the danger to young people.

Broadcast Date: March 1/10:19PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: A report providing parents with tips and risks associated with hiring a nanny.

Broadcast Date: March 14/10:22PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: "Cyber Bullying"...the bullies have moved from the playground onto the World Wide Web and the effect on children can be devastating. Megan McHale reports.

## **ISSUE: CIVIL LIBERTIES**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: March 10/10:17PM  
Length: 6:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus examines the controversy over "Roe v. Wade" and the never ending debate over whether or not abortion should be banned or remain a constitutional right. Guests include Doug Steigler of the Family Protection Lobby and Arlana Kelly of Pro-Choice Maryland.

Broadcast Date: February 15/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Reporter Kathleen Cairns examines driving cams and the companies who use theirs to track their drivers to watch employees every move.

Broadcast Date: February 22/10:18PM  
Length: 3:45  
Source: Local  
Description: When using a printer to copy a document, it can be tracked to that printer and one's privacy can be invaded. Jeff Abell reports.

Broadcast Date: February 7/10:22PM  
Length: 3:35  
Source: Local  
Description: Steve Levine examines how one's identity can be stolen and personal life open to all eyes by goggling one's credit card number.

Broadcast Date: February 10/10:18PM  
Length: 6:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus debates same sex bans. Through a constitutional amendment, Maryland voters could decide whether the state should ban same-sex marriage and let voters decide at the polls in November. Guests include Pastor Rick Bowers of Defend Maryland Marriage and David Rocah, ACLU lawyer.

Broadcast Date: February 2/10:19PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: "Peeping in public"...Megan McHale examines the use of tiny digital cameras and cell phones with camera and how the technology is invading personal privacy and publicly compromising photos of women.

Broadcast Date: January 4/10:20PM  
Length: 3:45  
Source: Local  
Description: "Cellphones and Big Brother"...new technology could allow highway engineers to track traffic patterns and delays by tapping into drivers' cell phones. Too much invasion of privacy. Jeff Abell reports.

## **ISSUE: ECONOMY**

### News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: March 15/10:19pm  
Length: 4:10  
Source: Local  
Description: "Lost Loot"...millions of dollars are sitting in a state bank account waiting to be claimed. Most people have no idea that they could lay claim to some of that cash.

Broadcast Date: March 21/10:20PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: With at alarming increase in utility rates and electricity costs, reporter Megan McHale examines a new light bulb that can save consumer money.

Broadcast Date: March 20/10:18PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: On line gambling....new players are being played and there's little regulation to protect consumers and the taxpayer...

Broadcast Date: March 7/10:20PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: With deregulation and a cap on utilities rates ending, Maryland residents will be smacked with an increase of more than 100%. It's the issue that legislators and regulators are steamed about. Jeff Abell reports about the impact of rising energy costs.

Broadcast Date: January 11/10:16PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Houses in Baltimore are selling for record highs but they're also on the market for a longer period of time. Reporter Megan McHale examines the housing bubble and looks at the economic impact and the possibility of the younger generation achieving the American dream.

Broadcast Date: January 9/10:22PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: What does the Wal-Mart bill mean to Maryland's economy? Joy Lepola investigates.

Broadcast Date: January 12/10:19PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: The Maryland legislature is considering a bill that would demand that Wal-Mart pay medical benefits for its workers. Anchor Jennifer Gilbert talks with Governor Erhlich about what he expects to happen in the legislative session.

Broadcast Date: January 13/10:22PM  
Length: 6:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus is on tax cuts. Maryland has its first budget surplus in years and lawmakers and the governor debate in this election year whether tax payers should receive a break. Guests include Rocky Worchester of Maryland Business for Responsive Government and Tom Hucker of Progressive Maryland.

## **ISSUE: HEALTH**

Program: Getting to the Heart of Women's Health  
Broadcast: March 12/11:30PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 minutes  
Description: Heart disease is the number one killer of women. In this half-hour program, the risks, symptoms, treatment and lifestyle changes have impact women's heart health are examined through the stories of 5 women ages 35 to 90 who have heart disease. Physicians, cardiologists, nutritionists, cardiac rehab therapists, and nurses from Sinai LifeBridge discuss what every woman should know and what they can do to lower their risk and health smart lives.

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: January 24/10:17PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Obesity is an epidemic in the US and it seems that there is a suburban factor. Researchers say that living in the suburbs has an impact increasing the factors that make one obese. Rebekah Cates reports.



Broadcast Date: February 3  
Length: 5:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus examines bird flu and Maryland's readiness. What is the reality of this public health concert and what should the public know and do to protect themselves. Guest Dr. Peter Beilenson, former Baltimore City Health Commissioner.

Broadcast Date: February 8/10:19PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Obese people are looking for ways to lose the fat. A local doctor has developed a technique that melts the fat away. Jeff Abell reports.

Broadcast Date: February 23/10:16PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Almost 50 Maryland doctors were sanctioned last year for all kinds of infractions from immoral conduct to incompetence. The state board responsible for investigating physicians has been overwhelmed with growing number of complaints. John Rydell examines what is being done to improve the process of disciplining doctors.

Broadcast Date: February 28/10:18PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Cardiac arrest is one of the major causes of death and disability. Reporter Jennifer Gilbert examines a new machine that opiates with cold water that offers more hope for full recovery by use of "the chill factor".

Broadcast Date: March 2/10:18PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: 11 year old Sarah Hill is fighting juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and has started a foundation to help other children like her. A look at children and arthritis...how it affects their lives and future.

Broadcast Date: March 8/10:17PM  
Length: 3:45  
Source: Local  
Description: Fighting anorexia. Although most with anorexia are teens and college students, younger children are being affected. Rebekah Cates looks at the eating disorder and its young victims.

## **ISSUE: EDUCATION**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

**Broadcast Date:** March 3/10:16PM  
**Length:** 6:00  
**Source:** Local  
**Description:** The Friday Focus is on Baltimore City's school shuffle....local plans to close several city schools and the protest by administrators, students, parents and the community. Guests include Eric Letsinger of the Baltimore City Public Schools and Clarence Mitchell of the PTA Council of Baltimore city

**Broadcast Date:** March 9/10:22PM  
**Length:** 3'30  
**Source:** Local  
**Description:** SAT Woes. A mistake has been made in grading the SATs and many high school seniors are being affected with deduction in their scores and hassles in their plans for college.

**Broadcast Date:** January 16/10:14PM  
**Length:** 3:40  
**Source:** Local  
**Description:** One out of seven students in the Baltimore City Public School system is emotionally, physically or learning disabled. Despite their disability, the law demands they receive an education. This has been the focus of a 22 year old court battle to assure that Baltimore children with disabilities are educated by the city school system. Jeff Abell reports.